

the Ottawas to replace the dead, which they promised. They even began by making some presents to the Iroquois; the General also made some, then regaled both, and they all returned quite satisfied. 1705.

This same year,<sup>1</sup> Mr. de Beauharnois, who had succeeded de Champigny as Intendant of Canada,<sup>2</sup> was appointed Intendant of the Classes of the Navy, and was succeeded by the Messieurs Raudot, father and son. The latter, who had already filled the office of Commissaire Ordonnateur at Dunkirk, took charge of naval affairs; justice, police, finances and general affairs were allotted to the father, who, seeing at once that the colonists were beginning to ruin themselves by litigation, to the great detriment of agriculture, resolved to retrench lawsuits as much as possible, and undertook in person to arbitrate between parties, and succeeded beyond his expectations.<sup>3</sup>

The next year he proposed to the King's Council to permit the inhabitants, who since the loss of the Seine, had begun, as we have already said, to cultivate flax and hemp, to use them in the country where French linens were so dear that the less wealthy, who formed the majority, could not afford them, any more than cloths, the consequence being that most of them were nearly naked.<sup>4</sup> Project for trade and the relief of the people.

The minister's reply was that the King was charmed to learn that his Canada subjects at last saw their error in

<sup>1</sup> New England at last solicited neutrality, and a proposed treaty negotiated through Vetch, can be found, N. Y. Col. Doc., ix., p. 770-2, Oct. 1705. Vaudreuil did not however believe Dudley sincere. *Ib.* p. 776. The French King authorized it, p. 779, but Hutchinson, (ii., p. 141,) admits that the General Court did not take any steps towards effecting it. New England, therefore, endured Indian hostilities voluntarily, buoyed up by the hope of reducing Canada.

<sup>2</sup> Beauharnois' commission, April 1, 1702. *Edits et Ordon.*, iii., p. 56

<sup>3</sup> Commission of Raudot, Sr., Jan. 1, 1705. *Ib.* p. 60; of Raudot, Jr., in the absence or default of Raudot Sr., p. 62. They arrived, Sept. 6, 1705, in the *Héros*, Comte d'Arguian. Juchereau, *Hist. de l'Hôtel Dieu*, p. 421. The Seminary at Quebec was destroyed by fire, Oct. 1. *Canada Doc.*, II. x., p. 480. Abeille, I. No 7. For Raudot's views, see, *Letters, Canada Doc.*, x., pp. 515, 545. As to litigation *Memoirs of Dauteuil*, *Ib.* xi., pp. 1-22.

<sup>4</sup> Raudot to the Minister, Oct. 19, 1705. *Canada Documents*, II. x., p. 515.